

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rita Jane Perin was born on June 8, 1925, to Arthur and Bertha Perin at Omaha, Nebraska, and we are richer because she lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Jane married Edward Vavra on November 9, 1946, and to this union four children were born: Gale, Gloria, Rosemary, and Gary, who in turn blessed them with one grandchild; and,

Whereas, Jane was a city girl who married into a Czechoslovakian farm family and quickly learned to work hard, sew, cook the Bohemian way, and garden. Jane is known for her wonderful pies, cakes and kolaches; and,

Whereas, Jane lives at Martin, South Dakota, and will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather on June 5, 2005, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2005, as

RITA JANE VAVRA DAY

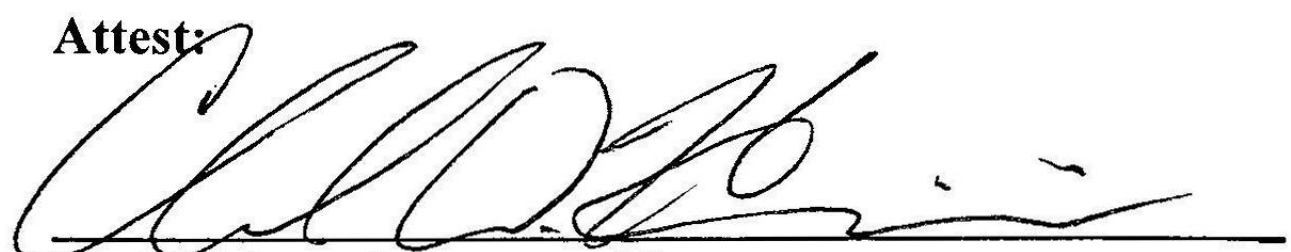
in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

